

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
By and through its Attorney General, JEFF
LANDRY, et al.,

PLAINTIFFS,

v.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., in his official capacity
as President of the United States; et al.,

DEFENDANTS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:21-cv-778-TAD-KK

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO REPLY TO DEFENDANTS’
MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION FOR ORDER TO
SHOW CAUSE AND COMPEL COMPLIANCE WITH PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

Plaintiff States respectfully move this Court for an order extending the deadline to file their reply to Defendants’ Memorandum in Opposition to Plaintiffs’ Motion for Order to Show Cause and Compel Compliance With Preliminary Injunction. Under this Court’s Minute Entry of August 10, 2021, Plaintiff States have until August 31, 2021, to reply to Defendants’ Memorandum in Opposition. Plaintiff States respectfully ask the Court to extend this deadline to and including September 3, 2021. Counsel for Defendants do not oppose this motion.

An extension is appropriate in light of Defendants’ disclosure—for the first time—in their Memorandum in Opposition that they will “publicly announce both onshore and offshore leasing activity by August 31.” Doc. 155 at 1. Specifically, Defendants indicate that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management “presently anticipates sending a new [Lease Sale 257] Record of Decision to the Federal Register by August 31, 2021.” Doc. 155 at 3. And Defendants indicate that the Bureau of Land Management will “publicly post [] parcel lists for NEPA scoping by August 31, 2021.” Doc. 155 at 5.

These documents are directly relevant to Defendants’ compliance with this Court’s injunction. Plaintiff States will need to review and potentially respond to the newly released documents in their

reply brief. Given the likely technical complexity of the Lease Sale 257 Record of Decision in particular, a three-day extension would give Plaintiff States an opportunity to review and potentially respond to these recent developments in their reply brief.

Accordingly, Plaintiff States respectfully ask the Court to enter an order making September 3, 2021, their new deadline to file their reply brief in support of their motion for an order to show cause and compel compliance with the Court's injunction.

Respectfully submitted,

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